Meeting of the Special Interest Group for the History of Meteorology and Physical Oceanography

THE USE OF AIRCRAFT IN METEOROLOGY: PART 2 from the 1930s to the 1960s

Saturday 29 September 2012

VENUE: The Trenchard Room, Farnborough Air Sciences Trust (FAST) Museum
85 Farnborough Road, Farnborough, GU14 6TF
www.airsciences.org.uk

If you wish to attend the meeting, please complete the form below and send it with the registration fee by Friday 21 September to Malcolm Walker, 2 Eastwick Barton, Nomansland, Tiverton, EX16 8PP

The registration fee is £10 per person which includes morning and afternoon refreshments and entry to the museum but NOT lunch. Please bring with you a packed lunch. There is a picnic area in the grounds of the museum.

Bookings will be acknowledged and directions for reaching FAST by train, bus and car will be provided.

PROGRAMME AND OTHER INFORMATION OVERLEAF

Display boards and tables can be provided to display books, papers, apparatus, etc. If you wish to exhibit anything, please let Malcolm Walker know well in advance of the meeting.

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For the meeting at Farnborough on Saturday 29 September 2012, please reserve places for the following person(s):

I enclose a cheque for £________ made payable to “Royal Met Soc History Group”.

Name and address:  

POSTCODE

Telephone number and email address

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PROGRAMME FOR THE FARNBOROUGH MEETING
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10:30 ARRIVAL AND COFFEE  11:15 TALKS BEGIN  16:30 END OF MEETING

There will be an opportunity to visit the Farnborough Air Sciences Trust (FAST) Museum between 10:15 and 11:15 and another during the lunch break.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Brian Booth – A brief history of RAF meteorological flights 1920-1959
A review of the origins of the Meteorological Flights from primary sources, their subsequent development and expansion together with anecdotes about some of the pilots.

Peter Rackliff – The Weather Reconnaissance Operations of World War II
A snapshot of the RAF and USAAF aircrew, their aircraft and the Met sorties to be flown, whatever the weather.

John Kington (paper to be presented by Alan Heasman) – Wekusta: Luftwaffe Meteorological Reconnaissance Operations, 1939-1945
A review of the formation and deployment of Luftwaffe Meteorological Reconnaissance Squadrons (Wettererkundungs Staffeln, abbreviated Wekusta) by the German Meteorological Service during the Second World War.

David Pedgley – Winds, waves and manta rays
David will explain his use of a light aircraft to examine the Red Sea Convergence Zone.

Stan Cornford – A versatile 1960s trio: MRF’s Canberra, Hastings and Varsity
From the Arctic and Iceland to Malaysia and the South China Sea, aircraft of the Meteorological Research Flight made observations to support research which could be done only through the use of aircraft.

The entrance to the museum is off the A325 in Farnborough, open 10:00 – 16:00. There is a Museum sign (with FAST printed) opposite the entrance and there is a visitors’ car park. The Museum is wheelchair accessible and provides disabled toilets. The lecture room is unfortunately NOT wheelchair accessible.